



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Aiken School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 24,687

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD General Performance	AND SILVER AWARD Closing the Gap	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT 0	GOOD 0	AVERAGE 10	BELOW AVERAGE 12	AT-RISK 0
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\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2009 Reading % Met or above	2009 Math % Met or above	2009 Science % Met or above	2009 Social Studies % Met or above	2009 Writing % Met or above
District	76.4%	72.9%	67.5%	68.1%	71.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%	72.5%	68.8%	73.0%	71.8%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading % Exemplary	2009 Math % Exemplary	2009 Science % Exemplary	2009 Social Studies % Exemplary	2009 Writing % Exemplary
District	36.9%	28.4%	16.6%	23.0%	29.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.6%	30.3%	19.5%	29.1%	31.0%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	78.6%	12.2%	9.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.7%	10.3%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	93.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.6%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.2
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.5

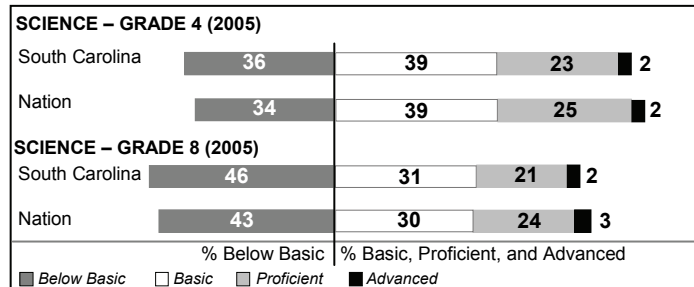
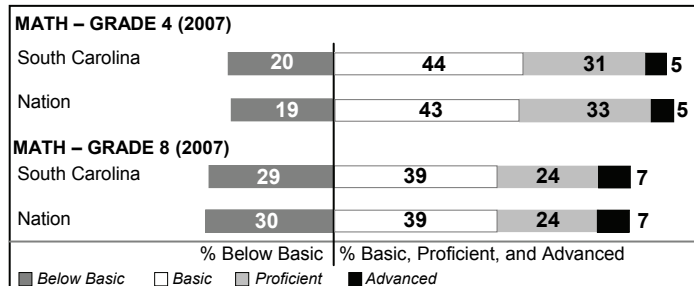
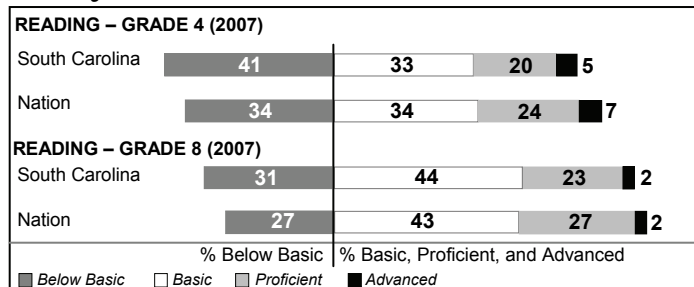
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	67.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.6%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=24,687)</b>				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 3.8%	2.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	No Change	96.0%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.7%	Down from 17.4%	14.8%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	8.9%	Up from 8.7%	10.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.4%	Down from 4.5%	3.1%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.9%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.8%	Up from 18.1%	16.7%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	50.5%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.6%	Down from 40.2%	33.4%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	290	Up from 227	79	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	147	Up from 110	64	30
Annual dropout rate	4.9%	Up from 4.8%	3.1%	3.4%
<b>Teachers (n=1,661)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.0%	Up from 51.3%	58.2%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Up from 74.9%	80.0%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.1%	Up from 3.9%	3.6%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 92.6%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.0%	95.4%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,467	Up 3.9%	\$47,840	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Up from 0.9%	1.3%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	11.4 days	Down from 11.6 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	1.5	Up from 0.5	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	21.0 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	No Change	90.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,040	Up 7.1%	\$8,828	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.9%	Down from 59.2%	55.6%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.8%	Down from 62.1%	58.7%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	41	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	7.7%	Down from 12.5%	4.8%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	31 Years	No Change	25 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	38.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.8%	N/A	95.3%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$76,198	Up 4.9%	\$80,155	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	3	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%	Up from 78.8%	90.9%	85.7%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Lloyd-Kennedy Charter School	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
Midland Valley Preparatory School	Average	Average	Met
Aiken Performing Arts Academy	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Consolidated School District of Aiken County is a district where students achieve at high levels in every aspect of education. As the fifth largest school district in South Carolina, serving approximately 25,000 students enrolled in 42 schools, ACPs has continued its path of excellence during the 2008-2009 school year with numerous awards and accolades. Significant gains were made this year in student achievement, community service, career initiatives, athletics, and student-teacher attendance.

Ten schools were named Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipients for attaining high levels of absolute performance and high rates of improvement. Two high schools received the Bronze Award recognition by the 'US News and World Report' magazine as two of the best high schools in America. Three of our schools were recognized as South Carolina Red Carpet Schools, bringing our total to twenty honorees. District FFA programs and Aiken County Career and Technology Center students received numerous first place state awards for career and vocational achievements. Volunteerism and community projects reached new heights with two Key Clubs being recognized as International Clubs of the Year. Several of our high school NJROTC units won state and national acclaim in drill, rifle, and academic team competitions. One of our middle schools won first place in the engineering and mathematical elite South Carolina Future City competition. Graduates set a district record by receiving approximately \$33 million in scholarships for post-secondary education, and twelve of our graduates earned twelve years perfect attendance. In addition to a focus on academics, our commitment to safe and functional academic facilities continues, as evidenced by the \$8.9 million renovation/addition North Augusta Middle School project.

It is an honor to serve as the superintendent of Aiken County and to work in a community that supports high student achievement and a safe learning environment. Being an active representative and supporter of our motivated, professional faculty and staff is a distinct pleasure. With your assistance and support, I look forward to Aiken County Public Schools continuing to be a leader in K-12 education during the 2009-2010 school year!

Elizabeth Everitt, Ph.D.

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